

Advent Week 2, Monday*Isa 35:1-10, Ps 85, Luke 5:17-26*

For our Holy Father, our bishops and priests, that as they proclaim the prophets who foretell the flowering of the parched land, they themselves may exult and bloom in God's sight

For world leaders, that in their decisions, they may be at the meeting place where justice and peace shall kiss and truth shall spring out of the earth

For all who are paralyzed by sin or indifference to God, that faith-filled and loving souls may bring them to the feet of Jesus and obtain from Him forgiveness and mercy

For all who are in a time of physical or spiritual distress, who feel frightened and weak, that with divine recompense God may come to save them

For our beloved departed ones, that they may walk on the holy way and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy

Advent Week 2, Tuesday*Isa 40:1-11, Ps 96, Matt 18:12-14*

For our leaders in the church, that they may be heralds of the glad tidings that God is coming with power and compassion again

That world leaders may imitate the way the Lord will rule the earth, with justice and constancy, with mercy and peace

For the sheep that have gone astray, for all those under the burden of expiating guilt, for the little ones who are in danger of getting lost, that we may rejoice the heart of God by helping Him to tenderly reclaim them

For all the intentions recommended to our prayer, that God may come with power into every need and create new reasons for each one to rejoice again

For our beloved departed ones, that they may meet the One who gathers them into His arms and leads them with a shepherd's care to the perfect pastures of the heavenly kingdom

Advent Week 2, Wednesday

Isa 40:25-31, Ps 103, Matt 11:28-30

For the church and her leaders, that God may uphold her hope as with eagle's wings, helping us all to run in His ways and not grow weary

That the vague and unspoken longings for peace that surface with the approach of Christmas may blossom into acts of compassion, becoming a way of life

That Christians may seize upon the grace that enables them to give pardon for iniquity and healing for injuries, not reacting to others according to their sins, but being agents of kindness and redemption

For all who are weary and find life burdensome with its deceptive promise of happiness in material things, that they may be drawn to Jesus, and exchange their heavy load for His light burden

For those who have departed this mortal life, that their purification may be swift and their welcome into the kingdom of heaven assured

Advent Week 2, Thursday

Isa 41:13-20, Ps 145, Matt 11:11-15

For our shepherds in the church, that they may have the power of Elijah to motivate God's people to be strong and energetic in their pursuit of the kingdom of heaven, taking it by force

That the Lord, who is compassionate towards all His works, may stir up in the hearts of world leaders desires and initiatives that will lead to peace

That God's people may experience His saving help as He turns their inner deserts into rivers and plants their wastelands with flowering trees, showing everyone His gracious salvation

For the poor and destitute, those living on the street, those who suffer most from the winter's cold and the coldness of human hearts, that loving hands may reach out to them in the name of Jesus

That our dear departed ones may rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel, experiencing the grace of His full salvation in heaven

Advent Week 2, Friday*Isa 48:17-19, Ps 1, Matt 11:16-19*

For the church, that we may follow the teaching of the Lord, our God, who leads us on the way we should go, so that our posterity in His kingdom will last forever

For world leaders, that they may not follow the counsel of the wicked, but delight in the law of the Lord, making decisions for life, justice, and peace

That Jesus may make us His sensitive followers, ready to follow His lead whether He approaches us in austerity or abundance, knowing that He is wise in all His works

For the sick, for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, for those in financial difficulties, for prisoners, for the lonely and the elderly, for all who need loving intercession and compassionate reverence

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, that the fruit they bore while planted near the running waters of grace may now be their key to God's heavenly kingdom

Advent Week 2, Saturday*Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Ps 80, Matt 17:9a, 10-13*

For our leaders in the church, that they may appear like a fire at the head of the people, speaking the prophetic word like Elijah and John the Baptist

That the Prince of Peace may bless us with the gift of national leaders who respect the dignity of each human person

That we may be ready to suffer for God as John the Baptist and Jesus did before us, taking strength from our contact with the Lord in this Eucharistic banquet

For all who have asked our prayers and all who need compassionate hearts to relieve their burdens at this time, that the blessing of Jesus and the love of His followers may console them

That the Shepherd of Israel may shine forth from His cherubim throne upon all our faithful departed, bringing them into new life in his own kingdom

Advent Week 3, Monday

Num 24:2-7, 15-17a, Ps 25, Matt 21:23-27

That the soul of the church may continue to be formed and guided into all truth by the one Divine Star, our Lord Jesus Christ, who advances to meet our Advent longing

That prophetic voices raised in our world, when they are found to be the utterances of those whose eyes are true, may be taken seriously, so that there may be peace

For the conversion of those who resist the authority of Christ in their lives, that our prayer and fasting, joined to this holy sacrifice, may win for them renewal of heart

For the sick, the poor, the lonely and forgotten prisoners and street people, that God, whose compassion and kindness are from of old, will remember them and inspire many to help them

For our dear departed loved ones, that they may be free from all stain of sin and behold the beauty of the Lord, enraptured and with eyes unveiled

Advent Week 3, Tuesday

Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13, Ps 34, Matt 21:28-32

For our Holy Father, our bishops and priests, that they may teach us the way of righteousness by word and example

That God may change and purify the lips of all peoples, making us upright and just in our dealings with one another, so that there may be peace

For the whole church as she undergoes continual judgment and conversion, that she may be found humble and lowly, taking refuge in the name of the Lord

For those who are in a season of distress: financial difficulties, sickness, loneliness or emotional pain, that the Lord who is close to the brokenhearted may let them experience the power of His salvation

That our faithful departed may be brought quickly through all purification and stand, radiant with joy, in the Lord's presence

Advent Week 3, Wednesday

*Isa 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25, Ps 85,
Luke 7:18b-23*

For our shepherds in the church, that they may teach the truth about Jesus in all its fullness, so that no one may find a stumbling block in their approach to Him

For those in a position of power and influence in the world, that they may act in kindness and truth, so that justice and peace may prevail

For all of us, waiting for justice to descend like gentle rain and for the earth to open and bud forth a Savior, that God may enlarge our desire and answer it with His own divine coming

For the sick, the poor, those who are oppressed with evil spirits, that Jesus, who cured diseases and afflictions in His own day, may respond to our prayers on their behalf

That Mary, model of holy expectation during these Advent days, may welcome into God's kingdom our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith

Advent Week 3, Thursday

Isa 54:1-10, Ps 30, Luke 7:24-30

That the church may have the joy of being obliged to enlarge her tent to accommodate the abundance of her new offspring

For world leaders, that they may work for life and justice, so that God may remake with us His covenant of peace

For all who feel far from God, who have an image of Him as forbidding and severe, that they may hear Him calling them tenderly, removing every reproach

For all who are in special need at this time from sickness, financial distress, or emotional pain, that through the power of prayer, God may change their mourning into dancing again

For our departed loved ones, that their Advent longing may come to fulfillment in the kingdom where Jesus reigns as Savior, Master, and Lord

Advent Week 3, Friday

Isa 56:1-3a, 6-8, Ps 67, John 5:33-36

For the whole church, that she may be a lamp set afire and burning brightly for all who seek God in the darkness of the modern world

That God may make His ways known upon the earth and in all nations through the blessing of upright leaders who will rule the peoples in equity, working for peace

For all of us whom the Lord has brought to this holy mountain and made joyful in this house of prayer, that our sacrifices may be acceptable to Him as we unite ourselves with His only Son

For all who are in special need at this time, and those who have asked our prayers, that they may find that their burdens are lightened

For those whose Advent time of longing is over, who have seen the Lord, that they may be quickly purified to live with Him forever in heaven

For Saturday of the Third Week of Advent and weekdays of the Fourth Week of Advent, use the intercessions for the appropriate date on the following pages.

Week 1, Friday

*1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22, Ps 89,
Mark 1:1-12*

That the church may always hold in honor the spiritual and prophetic authority of our Holy Father, so that God may truly be the king and shepherd of our souls

For our nation, which inscribes on its coins "In God We Trust," that we may make our decisions according to His laws, acknowledging Him as our true interior King

For those who are constrained and bound by their sins, that they may have the grace to return to Jesus and hear Him say: Child, your sins are forgiven

For those paralyzed in body, mind, emotions, or spirit, that the fervent prayer of our faith may carry them through all obstacles to the feet of Jesus

For our loved ones who have died, for all who grieve their loss, that the radiance of Jesus may soften the parting and bring the departed ones into His Father's dwelling places

Week 1, Saturday

*1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1, Ps 21,
Mark 2:13-17*

For our priests, anointed by God in the sacrament of ordination to guide and govern His holy people, that this anointing may come to full awakening in their lives and ministry

For world leaders, who have been given authority to govern the nations, that their fidelity to God's inner guidance may make their efforts fruitful in justice and peace

For the conversion of the self righteous, for the humility to see that we all need Jesus to take the initiative and call us forth to be His true followers

For the tax collectors and sinners of our own day, those who are avoided because of addiction, violence, or dangerous disease, that in Jesus' name there may be doctors of body and soul who reach out to heal them

For those who have gone before us, that God may grant their heart's desire and welcome them to heaven with goodly blessings, giving them length of days forever